

To Whom It Concerns:

I am adamantly opposed to you overturning or weakening the NJ "Do NOT Call" laws. I realize, and even understand, why companies want the right to contact (i.e., market to) people that they have contacted or done work for in the past 18 months. The presumption is that my already paying for work from this company, the consumer has acknowledged their willingness to interact with the company. However, as a consumer, I feel this is false.

I may have contacted the company to fulfill a need, but my doing so, I was not agreeing to be called afterwards for anything other than items directly related to why I contacted the company in the first place. The phone in my house is for my convenience, not the convenience of merchants -- unless they want to pick up the bill for the service. Should they wish to contact me, they certainly have the option of doing so via the US postal service.

What is the difference you ask? To have mail DELIVERED to my residence costs me nothing. The cost is borne by the sender. Plus, I can pick up my mail at my leisure and go through when its convenient for me -- not the sender. On the other hand, I paid for the phone service so I can contact those to whom I wish to speak. And yes, it is also so for those needing to contact me. But since I pay the bill, I should have some control over who those people / companies are. That's why I've signed up for the "Do NOT Call" list -- to exercise that control.

Therefore, I am asking you to not weaken or invalidate our "Do NOT Call" laws. Since signing up for the service I've went from getting 8-10 calls a day to only 1 or 2 a month. I'm not sure I have the language skills to express what a joy that is!!!